



Community News & Events

Senate and Assembly Leaders Come Together to Oppose Health Care Cuts



On June 23rd, Assembly and Senate representatives of Oakland held a press conference at the Las Bougainvilleas Senior Housing Center to discuss the governor's proposed health care cuts for the 2008-09 Budget.

Assemblymember Hayashi spoke out against the governor's proposed \$266 million cut for In-Home Supportive Services program that provides medical care for low income, the disabled and elderly Californians who rely on these services in order to live within their own homes. The governor's proposed cuts to health care could actually cost the state more money since many of the recipients would be forced to move out of their communities and be placed in expensive institutionalized care.



Amendment to AB 1909 Gives City of Hayward Final Authority to Stop Eastshore Power Plant



In mid-June, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi amended AB 1909, to apply only to the city of Hayward due to the Eastshore power plant's unique close proximity and encroachment upon the operations of the Hayward Executive Airport. The bill will be heard in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee in late July.

AB 1909 seeks to give the City of Hayward the final authority in determining if the Eastshore power plant complies with its local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Standards (LORS) as it relates to the operations of the airport and the safety of surrounding residents and businesses. A town hall meeting will take place on this issue on Friday, July 11th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hayward City Council Chamber (See events below).

AB 1754 Needed To Secure Community College Grades and Avoid Colleges Losing Accreditation



As Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi introduced AB 1754 in response to one of the largest grade changing scandals that took place at the Contra Costa Community College District where more than 50 individuals have been charged with felonies. A recent article by the [Contra Costa Times](#) reports that Diablo Valley College has received an official warning by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) stating that if their grade security policy does not improve within one year, they may lose their accreditation. This comes nearly six years after the grade changing scandal began.

AB 1754 will require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCCs) to develop and distribute a model grade changing policy to protect the accuracy and integrity of all awarded grades. The integrity of the largest community college system in the world depends upon the accuracy of the grades reported.

19 Bills Authored by Assemblymember Hayashi Pass the Assembly and Head to the Senate



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's bills have passed the Assembly and moved to the Senate for further consideration. Her [2008 legislative package](#) includes:

District Bills

- [AB 1773](#) – Retail Food: Long-term Health Care Facilities
- [AB 1909](#) – Local Government

Power Plants

- [AB 1997](#) – Vision Care: PERS
- [AB 2072](#) – Excellence in Physical Education Act of 2008
- [AB 2231](#) – Family Violence Prevention
- [AB 2413](#) – CalTrans Properties
- [AB 2804](#) – California Solar Initiative: Timeline Requirements
- [AB 2904](#) – Child Mortality Review

Statewide Bills

- [AB 1754](#) – Community Colleges: Grade Changing Policies
- [AB 1757](#) – Representation at Parole Hearings
- [AB 1951](#) - Mental Health Services Act – Capital Facilities Funding
- [AB 2106](#) – Adulterated Cosmetics
- [AB 2549](#) – Health Insurance Policy Rescission
- [AB 2622](#) – Clean Technology Employer Training Program
- [AB 2755](#) – California Franchise Tax Board: Electronic Payments
- [AB 2861](#) – Mental Health Parity
- [AB 2946](#) – Cemetery and Burial Fee
- [ACR 87](#) - Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy
- [AJR 43](#) - Voting rights: mental disability

\$86 Million Transit Oriented Development and Infill Infrastructure Grants Awarded to San Leandro and Oakland



The California Department of Housing and Community Development recently announced nearly \$86 million in grant awards for affordable housing investments around transit oriented developments for San Leandro and Oakland. Thanks to the voters who passed Proposition 1C in 2006 and funding appropriations by the legislature, our local communities will have the resource to improve infrastructure and build affordable housing near transit areas for smart growth.

Grant Awards Include:

1. San Leandro, San Leandro Crossings - \$12 million for Transit Oriented Development
2. San Leandro, San Leandro Crossings - \$12,460, 120 for Infill Infrastructure
3. Oakland, Tassafaronga Village, \$6,119,522 for Infill Infrastructure
4. Oakland, 6th and Oak Senior Homes, \$2,000,000 for Infill Infrastructure
5. Oakland, MacArthur Transit Village, \$17,300,383 for Infill Infrastructure
6. Oakland, MacArthur BART, \$17,000,000 for Transit Oriented Development
7. Oakland, Central Business District/Uptown, \$9,903, 000 for Infill Infrastructure
8. Oakland, St. Joseph's Senior Apartments, \$7,088,603 for Multifamily Housing Program
9. Oakland, Fairmount Apartments, \$2,306,485 for Multifamily Housing Program

Assembly Speaker Bass Appoints Assemblymember Hayashi As Chair of Assembly Business & Professions Committee

Assemblymember Speaker Karen Bass recently announced that Assemblymember Mary Hayashi will chair the Assembly Business and Professions Committee in the next legislative session, which begins December 2008. Assembly Speaker Karen Bass stated that Assemblymember Hayashi's experience and expertise were necessary to continue the Assembly's progress on the key issues facing California.

The primary purpose of the Business and Professions Committee is consumer protection, overseeing the Department of Consumer Affairs occupational licensing and enforcement boards. The Committee also addresses a wide range of issues from the creation and elimination of regulatory agencies and governmental efficiency, to product labeling and the accuracy of product pricing.

Assemblymember Hayashi Co-Authors the Clean Money and Fair Elections Bill – AB 583

Assemblymember Hayashi has co-authored AB 583 (Hancock) that would establish the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2008. The bill seeks to commence a pilot project for a voluntary system of public financing for political campaigns seeking the office of Secretary of State. If passed, a ballot measure establishing the concept would appear on the June 2010 Primary Election for voter approval. Candidates who choose public financing would be required to solicit seed money contributions from registered voters to qualify. The requirements set a minimum of \$5 contributions from 7,500 registered voters if representing a major party or from 15,000 registered voters if the candidate does not seek a major party's nomination.

Candidates from other states that have passed public campaign finance laws report a powerful step away from a competition in fund-raising and towards a system of competition in the market place of ideas.

Healthy Living Festival Celebrates Its 5th Anniversary



Nearly 2,000 seniors participated in the 5th Annual Healthy Living Festival in Oakland organized by the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County. This is the largest senior health event in the county where more than 90 public and private sector organizations provide information and resources.

The festival seeks to create greater awareness about the importance of healthy living such as maintaining a proper diet, exercising, and tackling significant pedestrian safety concerns in order to promote walkability of our neighborhoods.

A resolution was presented to Supervisor Nate Miley for the 5th anniversary and his efforts in the coordination of the event. The resolution was authored by Oakland's state representatives including Assemblymembers Hayashi, Hancock, Swanson and Senator Don Perata.

Assemblymember Hayashi Honors 4 California Distinguished Schools in Her District



Four elementary schools within the 18th Assembly District were recognized by the California Department of Education for their academic excellence, they include:

1. Jensen Ranch Elementary School – Castro Valley
2. Stanton Elementary School – Castro Valley
3. Fairlands Elementary School - Pleasanton
4. Lydiksen Elementary School - Pleasanton

Thanks to the administrators, faculty, staff members, and parents; these schools will continue to provide its students with a firm foundation upon which to base their future development, sense of community, and achievement. Pictured to the right is 2007's 18th Assembly District Woman of the Year, Jamie Hintzke, and her daughter, Ally, celebrating the special recognition at Fairlands Elementary School in Pleasanton. Congratulations!



Graduates of Hayward's Leadership Class Honored for Their Service



Assemblymember Hayashi honored the graduates of the Hayward Leadership Class sponsored by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of Hayward and California State University, East Bay. The leadership program familiarizes residents with understanding the social, civic and economic issues facing the community.

Each student has an opportunity to meet other business leaders, government agency administrators, and elected officials to learn about the emerging issues and discover how to become more active either by volunteering, networking, or serving the community in a leadership role. Congratulations!

Free School Lunch Program Available During the Summer



Parents are reminded that the free and reduced-priced school lunch program for low income families is available throughout the summer. More than 50,000 kids take advantage of the school lunch program in Alameda County during the school year, but only a quarter of them do so in the summer. Assemblymember Hayashi fears that many children are going hungry or lack nutritional meals during the summer. Please help spread the word and help end hunger in Alameda County.

For the free school lunch location and contact numbers, please go to following website:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/sn/sfs200801.asp>

Upcoming Events

Town Hall Meeting Concerning the Eastshore Power Plant – July 11th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Stop Eastshore Power Plant Town Hall July 11th

We will discuss the next steps to stop the Eastshore Power Plant. AB 1909 was recently amended to apply only to the city of Hayward, giving our local officials the final authority on whether or not to certify the Eastshore power plant.

Town Hall Meeting Concerning Eastshore Power Plant

Hayward City Council Chambers
2nd Floor, 777 B Street, Hayward
Friday, July 11, 2008
2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. NOW !

To confirm your participation at the Town Hall or for more information, please [visit my website](#).

Homeowners and Renters Assistance Workshop July 12th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Please join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and her special guest, Board of Equalization Chairwoman Betty Yee, for a Homeowners and Renters Assistance (HRA) Workshop on July 12th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the New England Village Mobile Home Park's Clubhouse located at 940 New England Village Drive in Hayward.

The HRA program is a once-a-year payment from the State of California based on part of the property taxes assessed and paid on each primary residence. Administered by the Franchise Tax Board, eligibility requires the applicant to be at least 62 years of age or blind or disabled. The applicant must also live in a qualified residence, be subject to a total household income threshold, and a U.S. citizen or designated alien.

Board of Equalization staff will assist participants at the workshop with filling out the application forms. This is an opportunity for each qualified homeowner or renter within the 18th Assembly District to receive a rebate up to \$472 or \$347 respectively even if he/she did not pay income taxes last year.

For more information, please contact Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818 or [click here](#).

Assemblymember Hayashi Hosts a Senior Scam Stoppers Workshop – August 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Save the Date! Please join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and leading experts from state and federal agencies for a Senior Scam Stoppers Workshop on Friday, August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Marina Community Center located at 15301 Wicks Boulevard in San Leandro.

Learn invaluable tips on how to avoid the following types of scams:

- Home Improvement and Repairs
- Auto Repair
- Predatory Scams
- Insurance Scams
- Financial Scams
- Telecommunication Scams
- Health Fraud
- Updates by Law Enforcement about Current Scams Happening in Your Community!

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Tip of the Month

4th of July Safety Tips

Many families throughout the 18th Assembly District will have an opportunity to enjoy an extended Fourth of July holiday weekend this year. It is Assemblymember Hayashi's hope that you and your family will have an opportunity to enjoy our wonderful parks, lakes, and beaches. If you desire to see fireworks on July 4th, then she encourages you to view professionally orchestrated fireworks shows in the area. However, if you decide to purchase your own fireworks, please follow the following safety tips prevent injury to yourself or others:

1. Check with your local ordinance to see if fireworks are permitted in your area before purchasing. Many cities and unincorporated areas prohibit fireworks.
2. Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
3. Read and follow all warnings and instructions before igniting fireworks.
4. Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
5. Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from any structure, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
6. Never attempt to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
7. Keep a bucket of water or water hose close in case of a malfunction or fire.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Resources Available

New Publication Available



The California State Budget Process

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



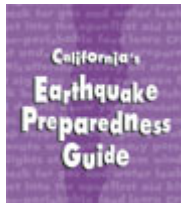
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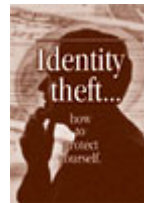
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



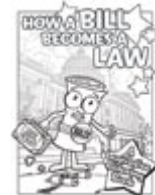
Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.